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--- **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 1 is a schematic representation of the general layout of an integrated optics optical multiplexer/demultiplexer according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT ---.

In The Abstract

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical multiplexer/demultiplexer, comprising: an integrated optics substrate defining a main propagation path for optical radiation, the main propagation path being preferably in a zig-zag pattern and having an aggregate port for transmitting an aggregate optical radiation including a plurality of wavelengths, a plurality of selective optical couplers distributed along the main propagation path, each selective optical coupler being arranged for adding to and removing from the aggregate optical radiation a respective tributary optical radiation centered around a respective tributary wavelength, and a plurality of tributary propagation paths for optical radiation provided in the integrated optics substrate, each of the tributary paths extending between a respective one of the selective optical couplers and a respective tributary port for transmitting a tributary optical radiation centered around a respective tributary wavelength.